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EMERSON VARNER PRICE, JR., 3143 Woodlawn Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana, furnished the following information freely and voluntarily:

In October, 1963, he moved from Shreveport, Louisiana, to Gladewater, Texas, to live with a relative, after the Shreveport Police had been harassing him constantly because he is a homosexual. In November, 1963, he had to have some dental work done, and although he would have preferred to return to Shreveport for this work, he was afraid the police would again harass him, so he went instead to Dallas, Texas. He has an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES HAMILTON PATTILLO, living at 1721 Beverly Parkway, Irving, Texas, and on November 18, 1963, he went to their residence. He made an appointment with a Doctor (FNU) SPIEGAL, a dentist whose office is on the fifth or sixth floor of the Mercantile Bank Building, Dallas, for November 19. On that date he had impressions made in preparation for a partial plate, inasmuch as he had to have six of his upper front teeth pulled. He then made an appointment for 8:30 A.M. on November 20, 1963, to continue the dental work. He returned to Irving, Texas, and spent the night at the home of his aunt and uncle.

On the morning of November 20, 1963, he left the home of his aunt and uncle at about 7:00 A.M. It was raining heavily that morning and he noticed his gas tank was empty. There was only one service station, a Fina station, open in Irving that time of the morning. He had no cash on him, although he had some checks, and was unable to purchase gasoline at that station. In passing the bus stop in Irving where the Continental or the Trailways Bus picks up passengers for Dallas, he noticed a white man standing, waiting for a bus. There were also several Negroes standing nearby. The white man was dressed in a gray plastic raincoat, carrying a black umbrella, and a lunch pail, probably also black. He had something on his head, possibly a newspaper, a hat, or a piece of cellophane to keep the rain off. He stopped and offered to take this man to Dallas for the price of the bus fare to Dallas. The man agreed, and they then went to the Fina Service Station, where they ordered a dollar's worth of gasoline. For some reason the station attendant put in two dollars' worth of gasoline, and his passenger went ahead and paid for it.

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Enroute to Dallas from Irving, his passenger, who never gave his name, asked PRICE if he had ever been in a foreign country. PRICE told him no, and asked the man if he had. The man said yes, he had lived in Russia and that his wife was Russian, and that his wife and child lived in Dallas, and that he was boarding in Irving. PRICE asked him if he was separated from his wife, but the man did not explain. Also, while enroute to Dallas, the man asked PRICE how he would like to hire himself and his car out at $100 per day plus expenses to take this man, his wife and two other men to New Mexico or Mexico (PRICE recalled that he said either New Mexico or Mexico, but he could not remember at this time which he said.) PRICE asked him if the other two men were people the same age as his passenger, and the man said no, they were older men and PRICE believed he also said something to indicate they were kinfolk of his. The man said the money would be paid in advance and that the trip would be between that time and the first of the year. The man did not specify how long the trip would last, or say what the purpose of the trip was, but he did say that PRICE would leave him and his companions at their destination and PRICE would return alone. PRICE was not interested at the time and indicated to the man he did not think he was interested.

PRICE had some recollection also, that during the trip the man made some comment about Communism or Marxism, but he could not recall any specific conversation in this regard. During the trip it continued to rain quite heavily and since his windshield wipers did not work properly, he and his passenger had to continually wipe off the windshield with paper towels they had obtained at the service station.

Upon arriving in Dallas, they passed in the vicinity of what he now knows to be the Texas School Book Depository, and his passenger pointed in the general direction of that building and stated this was where he worked. At the time, PRICE was busy driving, it was raining, and the traffic was heavy, and he did not pay much attention and could not say just which building the man was referring to. They passed that area, and the man asked him to go back and drop him off, but since he did not have much time before his dental appointment and because the traffic made it difficult to maneuver, he told the man he would drop him at the bus station, as they had agreed. He stopped at the Greyhound Bus Station, and got out

and went into the bus station restroom, telling the man to lock the car door when he got out. When he returned to the car a few minutes later, the man was still in the car and was looking through a notebook of his. PRICE became angry and asked the man what he thought he was doing, that this was his, PRICE's, property. The man apologized, then pointed to a name, address and telephone number he had written on the book and told him he had written his name, his landlady's name, address and telephone number down and for PRICE to think over his proposition and to call him. PRICE did not pay much attention to what was written down at the time, but noticed it was an address in Irving, Texas, and he commented to the man, more to get rid of him than anything else, that it was near his aunt's house and he would go by to see him. PRICE then left him there and did not see him again.

PRICE stated after his dental appointment he returned to his aunt's house in Irving and told her he was through with the dentist and was going home to Gladewater. However, he was not actually through as the dentist still had to pull his teeth and fit the plate, but he had a homosexual friend in Irving he intended to stay with and with whom he did stay on the night of November 20 and 21. On November 21 he did not go back to the dentist. On November 22, he had a 10:30 A.M. appointment with the dentist, but slept late and did not get there until about noon. At that time, Dr. SPIEGAL pulled six upper teeth and fitted the upper plate. On the way to the dentist that day, he passed near the parade route of President KENNEDY and his party while walking toward the Mercantile Bank Building, and he caught a brief glimpse of the President's car. He recognized Mrs. KENNEDY and saw two men in the car but did not recognize them. He heard the news of the President being shot while he was in the dentist's office.

After his dental appointment, he drove back to Shreveport, leaving Dallas at about 1:15 P.M., and got back to Shreveport in about four and a half hours. He recalled that he remained in Shreveport only that night because he had gone to Selber's Department Store that afternoon and had gotten in an argument with a young man who owed him some money and had threatened the young man, and after he got home he feared the young man might report him to the police. He left town on November 23, 1963, and went to visit a friend in Leesville, Louisiana. He returned to Dallas on November 25, 1963, for further dental treatment.

PRICE described the man he had picked up in Irving, Texas, on November 20, as a white male, age about 24, height about 6', or more, lanky build, brown hair, eyes possibly blue. He said the man had a wild look in his eyes.

PRICE stated the car he was driving at that time, which he still has, was a 1955 Chevrolet two door, station wagon, BelAir, Nomad, two tone green, bearing 1963 Louisiana commercial license 20-593, which was registered to Steel Erectors, Shreveport, the former owners. He had never reregistered it.

PRICE stated he had paid no attention to the name and address the man wrote on his book, and it was not until about December 20 or 21, 1963, that he became aware of who this was. At that time a friend, JIMMY NASH, saw the name on the book and asked PRICE if he knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD. PRICE said no, and NASH asked how he got the name on his book. Upon looking at it, he recalled the man who had written it and then realized this was the man who had reportedly assassinated the President. The name written on the book was LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and it also bore the landlady's name, address and telephone number in Irving, Texas, which he did not now recall. PRICE described the notebook as a red covered spiral "Write Right" composition book, and stated the names and addresses this man had written were on the red cover. He used this book to record names of acquaintances and mileage covered in his automobile.

PRICE stated he does not now have this book. He said it was stolen on July 29, 1964, while he was staying in New Orleans. His car was broken into and some $1800 worth of belongings were stolen, including the notebook. He determined the person who broke into the car was one ROBERT SPENCER ROGERS a "hustler" who lived on Dumaine Street in the French Quarter, New Orleans. PRICE had notified police of the theft and had taken police to ROGERS' apartment and located some of his belongings. He determined that ROGERS had torn up a lot of his papers and dumped them in the trash, and that the trash had been picked up and burned. He said he noticed; however, when he and the police went to ROGERS' apartment, torn pieces of the notebook on the floor in the apartment, but he never recovered any of the pieces. He stated ROGERS apparently never saw the name LEE HARVEY OSWALD on the book, because he never mentioned it. He said ROGERS was questioned by police but never prosecuted for this theft. He stated ROGERS had previously been on Federal parole from Denver, Colorado,

resulting from a narcotics charge in Dallas. He stated he does not know if ROGERS is still in New Orleans, Louisiana.

PRICE stated JIMMY NASH, the friend who had asked him about the name on the notebook, formerly lived on Iberville Street, New Orleans, with an uncle, JAMES (LNU), on the opposite side of the block from the A & G Cafe. His father, RICHARD A. NASH, Star Route, Provencal, Louisiana, is quite elderly, being in his 80's. NASH is in the National Guard, was stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana, for six months, released on February 2, 1964; he understands he was scheduled to spend two weeks training at Fort Polk beginning August 1, 1964.

PRICE stated the reason he had not previously furnished this information to police officials is that he has been constantly harassed by the local police in Shreveport and he had decided this would just cause further harassment.

PRICE was informed that it may be necessary to conduct investigation to verify the information he had furnished, including contacting his aunt and uncle in Irving. He said he was reluctant to have this done, because he is estranged from his uncle, although he is still on fairly good terms with his aunt. He said if necessary he would prefer his aunt be contacted rather than his uncle. He also requested that his father, EMERSON VARNER PRICE, SR., who is an official with Cities Service Oil Company in Atlanta, Georgia, and who knows nothing of this, not be contacted. He also requested that his grandfather, W. C. EVANS, age 93, with whom he lives in Shreveport, not be contacted and stated his grandfather knows nothing of this. He refused to name the man with whom he stayed in Irving, Texas, on the nights of November 20 and 21, 1963, stating he feared any disclosure of their relationship would ruin the man's reputation.

The following description of PRICE was obtained through observation and questioning:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	February 2, 1939
Place of Birth	Shreveport, Louisiana
Height	6'1½"
Weight	160 pounds

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Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond, crewcut
Build	Slender
Teeth	Upper plate, front, partial (States upper front teeth were noticeably rotted prior to dental work in November, 1963).
Admitted Arrests	States has had numerous arrests for homosexual activity and has spent time at Louisiana State Central Hospital, Pineville, Louisiana, for treatment for homosexuality.